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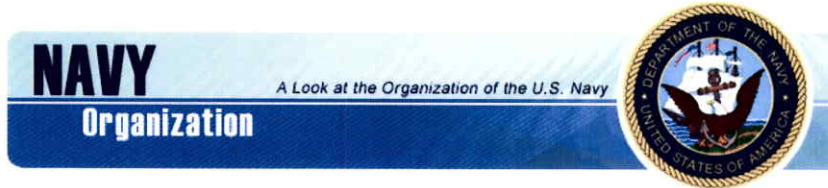
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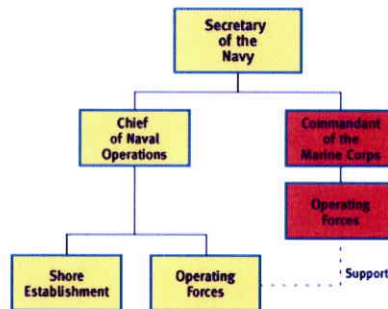
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**AN OVERVIEW**

The following chart presents an overview of the organization of the Department of the Navy. The U.S. Navy was founded on 13 October 1775, and the Department of the Navy was established on 30 April 1798. The Department of the Navy has three principal components: The Navy Department, consisting of executive offices mostly in Washington, D.C.; the operating forces, including the Marine Corps, the reserve components, and, in time of war, the U.S. Coast Guard (in peace, a component of the Department of Homeland Security); and the shore establishment. The blocks below are hyperlinked to more information.



The dashed line marked "Support" indicates the cooperative support of the Navy-Marine Corps team. Each of the operating forces supports the other.

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